

State Bar of California Proposal for Changing Testing Locations Beginning in February 2024

The Office of Admissions is funded solely by revenue received from fees on the services and programs it delivers. For years, the revenue received for these programs has not covered the costs of the programs. The State Bar no longer has the resources to make up the difference. The only options available are to increase fees and reduce costs.

Separately circulated for public comment is a [proposal to increase fees](#). To avoid higher increases than already proposed, the State Bar is proposing to reduce the costs of administering the bar exam. As the single largest expense, the bar exam was the most logical place to find efficiencies and reduce costs.

Bar Exam Locations

The charts below show the locations where the February 2023 exam was held and the proposed locations for the February 2024 exam.

	February 2023 Exam Locations	Proposed February 2023 Exam Locations
Standard Exam Locations	San Francisco Bay Area (Oakland)	San Francisco Bay Area (Daly City)
	Sacramento	N/A
	Los Angeles (Pasadena)	Los Angeles (Downtown)
	Ontario	Ontario
	San Diego	N/A
Testing Accommodation Exam Locations	San Francisco Bay Area (Burlingame)	San Francisco Bay Area (Daly City)
	Sacramento	N/A
	Los Angeles (LAX)	Los Angeles (Downtown)
	Orange	Orange
	N/A	Ontario
	San Diego	N/A

Cost Savings

The chart below shows the cost savings associated with this change compared against the estimated cost if no change were made.

	February 2024 Estimate Current Model	February 2024 Estimate Proposed Model
Proctor Costs	\$ 816,000	\$ 816,000
Staff Travel	\$ 51,000	\$ 51,000
ExamSoft License	\$ 179,000	\$ 179,000
Facilities	\$ 693,000	\$ 348,000
Other Exam Expenses	\$ 495,000	\$ 400,000
Total Cost	\$ 2,234,000	\$ 1,794,000
Savings	N/A	\$ 440,000